

CHAPTER 1

COMPOSITION OF THE NAVAL SERVICE AND JURISDICTION OF QRRN (MOD Sponsor: DNS)

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SECTION I - COMPOSITION OF THE NAVAL SERVICE

0101. Composition of the Naval Service

1. The Naval Service comprises the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, QARNNS, Reserve Forces and Naval Careers Service. The Naval Service is supported by a range of organisations (including external agencies and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary) which are largely civilian manned. The latter organisations do not form part of the Naval Service, but where they contain personnel of the Royal Navy those personnel individually form part of the Naval Service. They are all governed by the Admiralty Board of the Defence Council.

0102. The Royal Navy and the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service (QARNNS)

1. The Royal Navy consists of officers and ratings therein, including Chaplains. Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service (QARNNS) is integral to the Royal Navy and its officers are commissioned into the RN.

0103. The Royal Marines

1. The Royal Marines is a separate corps of the regular (military) forces (as laid down in S.210 and qualified by S.225 of the Army Act 1955) but is commanded and administered by Fleet Commander. All Royal Marines are subject to the Armed Forces Act 2006 at all times when borne on the books of any of Her Majesty's ships or naval establishments.

0104. The Maritime Reserve Forces

1. The Maritime Reserve Forces comprise the Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Marines Reserve, Royal Fleet Reserve and Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve, and includes Naval and Marine pensioner reservists with a call out or recall liability.

0105. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA)

1. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service (RFA) is a uniformed Merchant Marine Service accountable to the Admiralty Board through Fleet Commander.

0106. Spare

0107. The Royal Corps of Naval Constructors (RCNC)

1. The RCNC is a civilian corps and an integrated part of the Defence Engineering corps, with its members wearing uniform in certain posts. It comprises at present naval architects, electrical and mechanical engineers in the employment of the Ministry of Defence, who undertake duties concerned with the design, procurement and upkeep of HM ships and the machinery, equipment and systems fitted in them. The Controller of the Navy is responsible for representing RCNC interests to the Admiralty Board.

0108. The Navy, Army and Air Force Institute (NAAFI) Canteen Service

1. Members of the NAFFI Canteen service are employed in a civilian capacity in HM ships. In times of hostilities, NAFFI canteen staff serving in HM ships and establishments are entered on naval engagements. The Second Sea Lord is responsible to the Admiralty Board for canteen service matters.

0109. Spare**0110. Naval Party**

1. A Naval Party is a special scheme of complement for a body of service personnel needed to meet a requirement in response to approved defence commitments, international obligation or particular defence need. A naval party should only be formed where it is not possible for the personnel to be included on the Scheme of Complement of a ship or establishment.

0111. Naval Careers Service (NCS)

1. The NCS is a Special Service that constitutes one of the four main groupings of the Naval Service. It is to be composed of ex-Regular Service, Royal Fleet Reserve (RFR) RN and RM personnel. All members of the NCS are subject to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (AFA06) at all times.

2. The Director of Naval Recruiting (DNR), in his/her capacity as a Competent Naval Authority, is authorised to recruit RFR, RN and RM WOs and Senior Rates/Senior NCOs into the NCS as Careers Advisers (CAs) and to advance suitably qualified and selected CAs from CA3 to CA2 to CA1.

0112 - 0120. Unallocated

SECTION II - JURISDICTION OF QRRN

0121. Royal Navy and Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service

1. Officers on the Active list and ratings of the RN and QARNNS are subject to the jurisdiction of QRRN at all times. Officers on the Retired List and Emergency List are subject to the jurisdiction of QRRN from the time appointed for them to report or attend any duty or service for which they are liable, until released from that duty or service, or discharged.

0122. Royal Marines

1. QRRN applies to all ranks of the Royal Marines, whenever they are borne on the books of any of HM ships or naval units. QRRN applies to them at all other times when they are specifically mentioned, amplified by instructions contained in BRd 1283, Royal Marines' Instructions.

0123. Maritime Reserve Forces

1. Officers and ratings of any of the maritime reserve forces mentioned in [Para 0104](#) are subject to the jurisdiction of QRRN while being exercised or trained, or when called, recalled or required to enter active service, from the time appointed to report or attend for such purposes until released or discharged. Royal Marines Reserve are similarly subject, when borne on the books of HM ships or establishments.

0124. Naval pensioners

1. Those called out or recalled to join the Royal Navy are subject to the jurisdiction of QRRN from the time appointed for them to report or attend until discharged or released.

0125. Civilians

1. Those civilian services or corps listed in [Para 0105](#), [Para 0107](#) and [Para 0108](#) are not, in normal circumstances, subject to the jurisdiction of QRRN. They are however governed by the various civilian staff regulations concerning civilian employment; MOD Manual 9 (for Industrials) and MOD Manual 11 (for non-Industrials) which require the maintenance of standards compatible with QRRN. Civilians may be subject to service discipline under some circumstances. See JSP 830, Manual of Service Law chapter 3.